

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and Petition for three-month Extension of Time to respond to the final Office action mailed on September 12, 2007, for the following application:

Application

Application Serial No:	10/743,577
Filed on:	December 22, 2003
Inventors:	Sveum et al.
Title:	BRACE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A VEHICLE AT A LOADING DOCK
Art Unit:	3652
Examiner:	Gina M. Lupino
Attorney Docket No.:	92/P03-014A

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Petition for Extension of Time are being electronically deposited with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on **March 10, 2008**.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. Previously Submitted:

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____

b. Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Reply
- ii. ☐ Declaration Of Common Ownership
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. Fees

☒ Fee for Claims

- ☒ The fee for additional claims [(37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d))] has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	13	MINUS	26	= 0	x25=	\$	x50=	\$0.00
INDEP.	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x105=	\$	x210=	\$0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+180=	\$	+360=	\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$		OR	\$0.00

Extension of Time

- ☒ This is a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

EXTENSION (Months)	FEE FOR LARGE ENTITY		FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY	
One Month		\$120.00		\$60.00
Two Months		\$460.00		\$230.00
Three Months	X	\$1,050.00		\$525.00
Four Months		\$1,640.00		\$820.00
Fifth Month		\$2,230.00		\$1,115.00

If an additional Extension of Time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension Fee: \$1,050.00

- ☐ An extension for month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Deduction: \$

Extension Fee Due With This Request \$1,050.00

3. Method of Payment

- a. ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the following:
- b. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.
- c. ☒ An electronic funds transfer is submitted in the amount of **\$1,860.00** for the following:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$810.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17(a) in the amount of \$1,050.00
- iii. ☐ Other: _____.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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